Development of hospitals in Tripura

970. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals are pending with the Central Government from the State Government of Tripura for the development of district hospitals, sub-divisional hospitals and primary health centres of Tripura;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Central Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The proposals for Dhalai, North and South District Hospitals received from DONER are being evaluated fo Technical feasibility to be funded under NLCPR. The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has informed that the project of sub-divisional hospitals and Primary Health Centres have not been proposed by the State Government during the year 2004-05 under Non lapsable Central Pool of Resources.

National Rural Health Mission

971. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the aims and objectives of the Government's proposed National Rural Health Mission;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the first week of November 2004, consultations with the State Governments have been held in this connection;

(c) if so, the suggestions made by the State Governments;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Empowered Action Group States have bemoaned the lack of doctors in the PHCs and CHCs (Community Health Centres); and

(e) if so, what Government are doing in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The aim and objective of the proposed NRHM is to improve access of people in rural areas to comprehensive integrated primary health care, through increased community involvement, strengthening of primary health infrastructure and improved inter and intra sectoral convergence among the related sectors of health, Family Welfare, AYUSH, Nutrition and Sanitation.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) All the participating States welcomed and supported the strategy of the proposed National Rural Health Mission. There were suggestions to give greater flexibility to States to decide their State specific strategy within the overall mission framework, and greater funding support for rural health infrastructure.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The availability of doctors in rural areas is sought to be improved through contractual engagements; specific policy initiatives by State Governments like mandatory rural health service; and increased public-private partnership.

Opening of new CGHS dispensary

972. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CGHS beneficiaries allocated for each CGHS dispensary;

(b) the reasons for not starting a separate dispensary for West Enclave, Pitampura and Vikaspuri Delhi where more than 20,000 CGHS beneficiaries reside; and

(c) by when the beneficiaries can expect a dispensary at each colony to avoid travelling few kilometres to avail facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The number of beneficiaries attached to the dispensaries under CGHS Delhi is given in the Statement (*See* below).